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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, frequent incidences of Human Wildlife Conflict have come to the notice of the State Government;

And whereas, it is apprehended that the victims might kill or destroy wild animals by poisoning and may develop hostile behaviour;

Now therefore, the State Government, in supersession of Notification No.204/PCCF-PR.SECY/FEWMD/GoS dated: 31/01/2015, is hereby pleased to revise and fix the compensation rates for livestock killed and damage caused to the crops by wild animals as under, namely:-

I. The rates of ex-gratia for livestock killed:

(i)	Cow	₹ 24,000/-
(ii)	Bull	₹ 24,000/-
(iii)	Buffalo	₹ 25,000/-
(iv)	Calf	₹ 10,000/-
(v)	Goat	₹ 12,000/-
(vi)	Sheep	₹ 20,000/-
(vii)	Pig	₹ 12,000/-
(viii)	Pony	₹ 15,000/-
(ix)	Yak/Dzo	₹ 30,000/-
(x)	Chicken	₹ 350/-kg

II. The rates of Ex-gratia payment for crop depredation/damaged:

(i)	Cardamom	No. of rhizomes	@ ₹ 10/- each
(ii)	Maize	No. of cobs	@ ₹ 10/- each
(iii)	Paddy	Area damaged	Assessment based on market value
(iv)	Millet	-do-	-do-
(v)	Potato	-do-	-do-
(vi)	Tubers (simal tarul), (tapioca),(ghartarul) (squash) (sweet potato etc.)	-do-	-do-
(vii)	Buck wheat	-do-	-do-
(viii)	Wheat	-do-	-do-
(ix)	Oat/Barley	-do-	-do-
(x)	Orange	-do-	-do-
(xi)	Guava	-do-	-do-
(xii)	Pear	-do-	-do-
(xiii)	Peach	-do-	-do-
(xiv)	Plum	-do-	-do-
(xv)	Apple	-do-	-do-
(xvi)	Jack fruit	-do-	-do-
(xvii)	Wood apple	-do-	-do-
(xviii)	Banana	-do-	-do-
(xix)	Cauliflower	-do-	-do-
(xx)	Cabbage	-do-	-do-
(xxi)	Peas	-do-	-do-
(xxii)	Beans	-do-	-do-
(xxiii)	Soyabean	-do-	-do-
(xxiv)	Mustard	-do-	-do-
(xxv)	Ginger	-do-	-do-
(xxvi)	Sugar Cane	-do-	-do-
(xxvii)	Bamboo shoot, etc.	-do-	-do-

III. The Ex-gratia payment indicated above shall be paid only after making thorough assessment and fulfilment of the following conditions namely:

(a) The assessment of the crop damaged or verification of livestock loss shall be conducted by a person not below the rank of Assistant Conservator of Forests/Range Officer of

Territorial Division/Wildlife Division along with Village Level Officer from Land Revenue Department, Agriculture/Horticulture Inspector and Compounder of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department. The verification/assessment report needs to be signed by the concerned line department official.

- (b) This verification should be done in the presence of cattle/crop owner and the local Panchayats. The verification/inspection/assessment report of the above officials regarding cattle/crop damage should be supported with witness and relevant pictorial documentary proofs.
- (c) Relief or Ex-gratia payment shall not be made for any incident (*Sl.No. land/ of this Notification*) occurring within the boundaries of Reserve Forests or Protected Areas(PAs), instead the action against the offender shall be initiated as per prevailing Act.
- (d) Livestock killed or crop damage should be reported within 48(Forty eight) hours to the nearest office of the Wildlife Range or Territorial Range or nearest Police Outpost/Station.
- (e) The animal killed should not be removed from the site or smeared with pesticides etc. the area of crop damage should be left undisturbed till the assessment has been made by the above officials.
- (f) No flesh should be removed from the carcass by the owner for eating or other purpose.
- (g) The rates indicated above shall be revised @ 5% of the above amount annually with effect from 1st January 2024.

By order and in the name of the Governor

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